

O'Grady's opinions may be safely set down as the opinions of the organization at present.

In the Senate, where conservatism prevails, it was also evident that the five legislative propositions in question would be favorably acted upon if the vote were taken now.

The Preferences of the Boss.

It must be remembered that Mr. Platt's influence is potential, and it remains to be seen if the legislators who have so unmistakably indicated their desires to the Journal will continue in their present frame of mind.

In view of to-day's disclosures it is at least fair to assume that Mr. Platt harbors no hostile feelings toward dollar gas, and that he is kindly disposed toward the proposition to make him Senator. It is known that he wants the Greater New York charter passed this session, and that he thinks the employment of convicts is only humane.

On the subject of pugilistic exhibitions Mr. Platt has expressed no opinion.

Relative to the Greater New York question there is no doubt that it is on the machine programme for passage. The Republicans think the time for consolidation is ripe, because of the heavy majority their ticket got at the last election. As yet the charter seems to be in the main unobjectionable to Democrats. The latter fear that Senator Lexow's committee will inject into it distinctly Republican partisan features before it is enacted. Democrats generally favor a charter, but when they permit themselves to be recorded in that way they reserve the right to object to obnoxious features that may be incorporated for partisan purposes. The Republicans have votes in plenty to pass the bill.

In reference to the second question, it may be authoritatively said that the Journal's efforts to secure dollar gas are certain to prove successful unless corporate and political influence is brought strongly to bear. The disposition on the part of the legislators is to let the law pass. Many of the persons recorded as non-committal said they thought the city members should be allowed to decide the question, and declared that if the city members were a unit the bill would be overwhelmingly successful.

Convicts Will Have Work.

Since the Republican legislative leaders have been confronted with the convict labor problem they have come to the conclusion that motives of humanity compel the employment of prison convicts. S. Fred Nixon, the Republican Assembly leader, will probably introduce the bill on this subject. The convicts under this proposed measure will be given to manufacture materials for articles to be used in State institutions. This means hand labor for convicts. All the legislators who said they favored such a bill insisted that the prison made goods should under no circumstances interfere with the product of free labor.

The bill indicates that the recent death of pugilist Duffy has aroused strong feelings against the Horton Sparring bill. Mr. Platt will, of course, be Senator Hill's successor if Mr. Platt wants to be. He has a majority of the Republican legislators in his favor. Further agitation against him is to prove fruitless, for the bill is to be held on Thursday.

It is known he registered his law as excellent if carefully administered. The rural legislators seem to have taken the greatest prejudice to pugilistic exhibitions and those who favor the prohibition of such exhibitions outnumber by far those who think the law should not be flatly repealed. All who are found in the negative column qualified their objection to a repeal by stating that they want such restrictions imposed as will preclude the possibility of a physically unsound man entering the ring. A crusade against the law would in all likelihood result in its repeal, but the probabilities are that an amendment requiring a physician's certificate for exhibiting pugilists will be passed upon by the police authorities will be the upshot.

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SEVEN NUNS WERE KILLED.

Convent at Roberval, Quebec, Destroyed by Fire—All the Students Were on the Christmas Holidays.

Roberval, Quebec, Jan. 6.—Fire broke out this morning in the chapel of the convent of the Holy Mary of St. John, caused by a lighted candle near the cradle of the Infant Jesus, setting fire to the draperies and floral ornaments, and in an instant the whole chapel was a mass of flames.

The alarm was given by a shrieking nun, but the fire spread with such rapidity that nothing could be done to save the building.

Seven nuns were smothered in the smoke. Their names are: Mother St. Francis de Paula (Elise Gosselin, of St. Jean Chrysostome); Sisters Providence (Emma Le Tourneau, of Quebec); St. Ursule (Corinne Garneau, of St. Foy); St. Anne (Laure Hanon, of Hebertville); St. Antoine de Padua (Catherine Bonille, of Deschambault); St. Dominique (Marie Louise Girard, of Roberval); and St. Louis (Rose Gosselin, of St. Jean Chrysostome).

Another nun was badly burned in trying to extinguish the fire. The convent and school are a mass of ruins. The total loss is \$75,000, with only about \$12,000 of insurance. The school was closed on account of the holidays, and most of the pupils had gone home.

Says It is an Old Device.

Mercellus P. Berry several years ago patented a device for preventing the raising or altering of money orders and checks. Judge Cox of the United States Circuit Court, yesterday decided in a suit brought by Berry for alleged infringement that Berry's device is a valuable and novel invention. The case will be appealed.

Guardsmen Publicly Rebuked.

Richard Jones and James Forsyth, two privates of Company M, First Regiment, of Newark, N. J., were publicly rebuked by Colonel Campbell before the entire battalion and several hundred guests in the city armory on Tuesday night, as the execution of a sentence inflicted by a court martial for deserting their company while in camp at Sea Girt.

JOURNAL'S POLL OF THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.		For Greater N. Y. Charter	For Dollar Gas.	To Keep Convicts at Work	To Stop All Prison Fights	Choice for U. S. Senator.
Names of Senators.						
John F. Ahearn	D.	N-com.				
Edgar T. Brackett	R.	N-com.				
Walter L. Brown	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.
George W. Brush	R.	Yea				
James Irving Burns	R.	N-com.				
Jacob A. Cantor	R.	Yea				
George Chabon	R.	Yea				
Michael J. Coffey	D.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.
Henry J. Coggeshall	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.
William C. Daley	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.
George A. Davis	R.	Yea				
Charles Davis	R.	Yea	Yea			Platt.
Timothy Edwards Ellsworth	R.	N-com.				
Charles Fetherston	D.	N-com.				
Samuel J. Foley	D.	Yea				
John Ford	R.	Yea	Nay	Yea	Yea	Platt.
Frank Gallagher	D.	Yea				
John Grant	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	A Dem. Platt.
Charles Lewis Guy	D.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	A Dem. Platt.
Henry Harrison	R.	N-com.				
Richard Michie	R.	Yea				Platt.
Frank Wayland Higgins	R.	N-com.				
Lester H. Humphrey	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.
William Kling Johnson	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.
Theodore Knicker	D.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Whitney.
Hobart Krum	R.	Yea				
Charles Lamy	R.	N-com.				
Clarence Lexow	R.	N-com.				
George H. Malby	R.	N-com.				
Bernard F. Martin	D.	N-com.				
Joseph Mullin	R.	N-com.				
Louis Munstinger	D.	Yea				Hearst.
Patrick H. McCarren	D.	Yea				
Peter H. McNulty	D.	N-com.				
Myer Nussbaum	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.
Simon Seibert	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.
Cornelius B. Parsons	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.
Frank D. Pavey	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.
John Baines	R.	N-com.				
John S. Sheppard	R.	Yea				Platt.
Edwin C. Stewart	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.
Nevada N. Stranahan	R.	Yea				
Timothy P. Sullivan	D.	Yea				
Le Grand Cannon Tibbitts	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.
Horace White	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.
Julius L. Wieman	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.
Jonathan M. Wilcox	R.	N-com.				
Albert A. Wray	R.	N-com.				
Total		For 23	For 19	For 23	For 16 Ag't 4	Platt 20 Whitney 1 Hearst 1 Noy 1 A Dem. 4

ASSEMBLY.

Henry E. Abell	R.	N-com.				
Emerson W. Adair	R.	Yea	Yea	Nay	Platt.	
Charles S. Adler	R.	Yea	Nay	Nay	Platt.	
John A. Aldrich	R.	Yea	Nay	Nay	Platt.	
George Anderson	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Harvey T. Andrews	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Patrick J. Andrews	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
William B. Armstrong	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
George C. Austin	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Everett C. Baker	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Thomas J. Baker	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Federick Elmer Baisley	R.	N-com.				
Lucien Samuel Bayliss	R.	Yea	Yea	Nay	Platt.	
Louis Bedell	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
William J. Bell	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Murray Benham	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Heman M. Blaisdell	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Joseph Bondy	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Charles Brannan	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Edward C. Brennan	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Byron D. Brown	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Lawrence Edward Brown	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Oliver H. Budd	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Carl S. Burr, Jr.	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
John J. Cain	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Cornelius J. Clark	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
John Clark	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Mortimer N. Cole	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
John P. Corrigan	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Thomas N. Costello	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Thomas H. Cullen	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
John A. Dwyer	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
James P. Degan	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
John A. Dempsey	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Thomas F. Donnelly	R.	Nay	Nay	Nay	Platt.	
John J. Downey	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Frank A. Dunley	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Taylor J. Eldridge	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Richard S. Emmet, Jr.	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Robert J. Fenn	R.	N-com.				
Robert J. Fish	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
John B. Fitzgerald	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Orion L. Forester	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Richard G. French	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Jacob Fritz	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Charles E. Fuller	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
George G. Gable	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Richard Gilleland	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
William H. Gladhill	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Harry Maxwell Glen	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Charles H. Gordon	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Louis F. Goodsell	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Federick E. Gott	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
William B. Graves	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Augustus D. Gray	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Joseph L. Green	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
James S. Harrison	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Edward W. Hart	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
John A. Hanna	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Henry Wayland Hill	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
William Roscoe Hobbie	R.	Nay	Nay	Yea	Platt.	
Robert H. Hodge	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Benjamin Hoffman	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
John Henry Holbert	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
George S. Horton	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Federick G. Hughes	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
James W. Husted	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
William Hutton, Jr.	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Martin W. B. Kavanagh	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Otto Kelsner	R.	N-com.				
George T. Kelly	R.	N-com.				
Thomas L. Kennedy	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
John C. Knap	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
John S. Koster	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Francis E. Laimbeer	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
James Leamon	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
William H. Leonard	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
J. D. Levesque	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Merton E. Lewis	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Leola H. Mackey	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
James F. Macabee	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
William Maloney	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Robert C. Macdonald	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Gervase A. Matteson	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Robert Mazet	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
George William Meyer, Jr.	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Lea C. Miles	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Nicholas J. Miller	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Charles H. Miller	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Joseph Murray	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Patrick Henry Murphy	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Thomas E. Myers	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
James Briggs McDew	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Edward McDew	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
William McKown	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Harvey Stewart McKnight	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
George M. McLaughlin	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Samuel Frederick Nixon	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
James M. E. O'Grady	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
George M. Palmer	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
George H. Parshall	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
William H. Perkins	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Federick R. Peterson	R.	N-com.				
George E. Philo	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
James H. Pierce	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Edward H. Post	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Harcourt J. Pratt	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Miles W. Rapley	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Philip W. Reibman, Jr.	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Fred A. Robbins	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Edward H. M. Roehr	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Patrick Henry Roche	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Eugene B. Rounds	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Archibald D. Sanders	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
William Cary Sanger	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Franklin P. Saunders	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Robert C. Scherer	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Federick Schmid	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Edward L. Schmidt	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
William Schneider	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Wesley Schultum	R.	N-com.				
Thomas A. Sears	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
W. Clarence Sheldon	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
George J. Soper	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Oliver H. Springer	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Alfred Ethelbert Smith	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Henry L. Steiner	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Newton Sweet	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Timothy P. Sullivan	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Jeremiah J. Sullivan	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Lewis P. Taylor	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Edward B. Ten Eyck	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Daniel F. Toeber	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Patrick F. Trainor	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Charles F. Tupper	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Richard Van Cott	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
William S. Van Keuren	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Thomas H. Wagstaff	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Henry Eugene Warner	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Edwin M. Wells	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Fred L. Whitner	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
George W. Wilson	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Thomas H. Wisne	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Daniel P. Witter	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
Walter Zimmerman	R.	Yea	Yea	Yea	Platt.	
John M. Zurn	R.	N-com.				</